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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicants' assignee filed copending application Serial No. 10/126,776, entitled THERMOPHOTOVOLTAIC POWER GENERATING APPARATUS on April 22, 2002 and copending application Serial No. 10/114,468, entitled THERMOPHOTOVOLTAIC

ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING APPARATUS AND POWER GENERATING  
METHOD THEREOF on April 3, 2002.

English abstracts of the six non-English Japanese Publications are attached with the exception of Japanese Publication No. 2-502692 in which the corresponding PCT WO88/04859 English abstract is attached. An English abstract of the 1997 Social Development System Planning Project Report also is attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

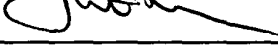
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